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SUBJECT: EC FOOD AID TO BOLIVIA - UMR

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1. SUMMARY: EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS WOULD LIKE U.S. TO RE-CONSIDER UMR PROPOSAL FOR BOLIVIA AND ACCEPT A NEW FIGURE OF 130,000 METRIC TONS. PLEASE ADVISE. END SUMMARY.
2. CONTENTS OF REFTEL WERE CONVEYED ON JANUARY 10 TO LUCACCIONI, ASSISTANT TO MARINUCCI, EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOOD AID MATTERS IN THE AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORATE. FOLLOWING ANALYSIS WITHIN THE COMMISSION, LUCACCIONI APPROACHED THE US MISSION AND MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS.
3. ALL SIGNATORIES TO THE FOOD AID CONVENTION AGREED TO THE USE OF A SINGLE SOURCE OF DATA FOR THE UMR EXCEPT FOR EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN ORDER TO LIMIT THE CONFUSION AND DISAGREEMENT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE PREVAIL. THE COMMISSION HAS PRELIMINARY DATA FOR 1972/73 WHICH IT FEELS IT MUST EMPLOY. THESE DATA ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTAINED IN IWC DOCUMENT CL 67/11 OF NOVEMBER 21, 1973 WHICH

INDICATE THAT BOLIVIA MADE COMMERCIAL PURCHASES OF 138,020 METRIC TONS IN 1972/73.

4. ALTHOUGH BOLIVIA, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND ARGENTINA HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO A UMR OF 145,000 METRIC TONS, COMMISSION OFFICIALS NOW PROPOSE TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMUNITY CONVEY TO THE CSD EC AGREEMENT TO A UMR FOR BOLIVIA OF 130,000 METRIC TONS. COMMERCIAL PURCHASES AS REPEATED IN THE TABLE BELOW INDICATE AN ANNUAL AVERAGE OF 138,793 METRIC TONS FOR 1968/69-1972/73. WHEN THIS IS REDUCED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE 21,602 METRIC TONS PURCHASE THROUGH UK STERLING DONATIONS IN 1969/70 THE AVERAGE DROPS TO 134,472.

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WHEAT IMPORTS IN WHEAT EQUIVALENT

COMMERICAL IMPORTS

YEAR	TOTAL	CANADA	AUSTRALIA	U.S.	ARGENTINA
1967/68	63,679	-	-	25,725	37,954
1968/69	113,383	-	-	22,271	91,112
1969/70	76,692 (1)	-	-	6,931	69,761
1970/71	213,416	-	46,233	15,930	151,253
1971/72	152,453	-	28,021	36,921	87,511
1972/73	138,020	-	-	90	137,930
TOTAL	693,964	-	74,254	82,143	537,567
AVERAGE	138,793	-	-	16,429	107,513
	134,472 (1)				

FOOTNOTE (1): NOVEMBER 25, 1969, 10,602 MT STERLING PURCHASE
DECEMBER 12, 1969, 11,000 MT STERLING PURCHASE

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WHEAT IMPORTS IN WHEAT EQUIVALENT

NON-COMMERICAL IMPORTS

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YEAR	TOTAL	CANADA	AUSTRALIA	U.S.	ARGENTINA
1967/68	83,868	497	-	83,371	-
1968/69	66,479	497	-	65,982	-
1969/70	121,105	-	-	102,217	18,888
1970/71	5,710	55	-	5,655	-

1971/72	63,739	-	-	50,893	12,846
1972/73	36,523	-	-	1,742 (2)	-
TOTAL	293,556	552	-	261,270	31,734
AVERAGE	58,711	-	-	52,254	-

FOOTNOTE (2): PLUS 34,781 MT UNDER U.S. CREDIT TERMS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE ADVISE IF THE UMR OF 130,000 MT
PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION IS ACCEPTABLE. GREENWALD

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